

Welcome to the Legislative Update for March 7, 2014

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's older citizens and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The **Legislative Update** is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

The 51st Legislature, 2nd Regular Session

Monday, March 3rd marked Day 50 or the half-way point of the session.

Since last Friday, 550 floor actions filed; 41 of those on bills the Council is tracking.

Legislative Deadlines

March 21st is the last day for Senate bills to be heard in House Committees and House bills to be heard in Senate committees. A copy of the Legislative Council's session deadlines can be found [here](#).

The Senate Session Timeline is posted [here](#).

Summary of Action

At the end of **day 54, 1,186 bills posted; 7 passed; 4 signed** by the Governor; **1 vetoed, 108 memorials or resolutions posted and 15 passed.**

Some of the bills may be of interest to older Arizonans and are being tracked by the Council and appear on the Legislative Update web report page. Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Council to the bill. It **does** mean that the bill topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans so the Council is tracking the bill's progress.

FULL LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25263&listid=50228&print=true>

Note: The **FULL LIST** web report above provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information about the bills being tracked by the Council and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This list will continue to be edited until the end of the session. Information about bill

status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by **Arizona Capitol Times**.

Bills

H2331: life care contracts; in-home care

Outlines requirements for life care contract providers relating to services received by a person in their private residence. 3/5 passed House 57-0; ready for Senate.

House Engrossed Summary is linked [here](#).

H2667: persons with disabilities

3/6 House Committee of the Whole with approved floor amendment; passed House 57-0; ready for Senate

House Caucus Committee of the Whole (COW) Summary:

http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/2r/summary/h.hb2667_2-19-14_caucuscow.pdf

HB2286: senior facilities; bond approval

3/3 referred to Senate Finance Committee

Hearing: Senate Finance Committee on 3/12 at 2 pm, Senate Room 3

HB H2306: fingerprint clearance cards; periodic checks

Hearing: Senate Rules Committee on 3/10 at 1 pm, Caucus Room 1

FACTSHEET: <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/2r/summary/s.2306ps.pdf>

S1097: silver alert notification system

2/20 referred to House Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs Committee

FACTSHEET: <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/2r/bills/sb1097s.pdf>

S1135: qualified immunity; nonprofit clinics

3/5 from House Health Committee with do pass

Hearing: House Judiciary Committee on 3/13 at 10 am, House Room 4

FACTSHEET: http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/2r/summary/h.sb1135_03-05-14_jud.pdf

Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

Appropriations presentations are provided [here](#).

Website Resources

A list of the Representatives and Senators, Standing Committees and their members can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website at the following links.

[Members](#) of the House

[Members](#) of the Senate

[Standing Committees](#) page (Click on the committees to view the members as well as any posted meeting agendas or minutes for that committee.)

If you want to learn more about the legislative process, see [Arizona Bill](#) or **Bill to Law** provided [here](#).

Interested in the budget process? You can learn more at:
<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/budgetprocess.htm>

Need to review the Arizona Constitution? Go to:
<http://www.azleg.gov/Constitution.asp>

You can find scheduled capitol events [here](#).

Share your thoughts! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts *at any time* by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 or toll- free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)
- Or **contacting your legislator from your area**. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature [website](#)** and looking for: ***How do I find My Legislators*** or by following the instructions provided at both the **Senate** and **House Member links**.

Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? **Maps** can be found [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday, the **President's FY15 budget proposal** was released. **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities preliminary analysis** is provided [here](#) and **NASUAD Draft FY15 Budget Chart** is linked [here](#).

National Council on Aging analysis table is provided [here](#) and more **NCOA** information is linked [here](#).

H.R.3997

Social Security Administration Accountability Act of 2014

Introduced on February 5, 2014 by Representative Brian Higgins (NY-26)

H.R.3997 amends title VII (Administration) of the Social Security Act to require the Commissioner of Social Security to submit an annual budget estimate of the Social Security Administration (SSA) (instead of a budget) directly to Congress and the President (instead of first to the President, who would submit it to Congress).

Revises requirements for the general contents of the SSA budget, requiring inclusion of the number of cases pending at each hearing office and the average processing time.

Prohibits the Commissioner from closing or consolidating SSA field or hearing offices, or otherwise limiting public access to one, until 180 days after submitting to specified congressional committees a detailed report outlining and justifying the process for selecting field offices to be closed, consolidated, or otherwise have limited access.

Prohibits the Commissioner from closing an SSA field or hearing office, consolidating two or more such offices, or otherwise imposing any new limitation on public access to any such office unless the Commissioner follows certain administrative procedures.

On 2/5/2014, was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.4122

Older American Act Reauthorization of 2014

Introduced on 2/28/14 by Representative Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1)

Text is provided [here](#).

On 2/28/14, H.R.4122 was referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

If you want to check on the status of any of these bills, go to <http://beta.congress.gov/> and enter the bill number or title.

See **active federal legislation** at this [link](#).

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the White House at this [link](#).

ALSO: A compilation of contact information is provided at:
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS & RESOURCES

From the **National Institute on Aging**

Alzheimer's Prevention Initiative information is linked [here](#), **2012-2013 Alzheimer's Disease Progress Report** is linked [here](#) and information on [Health & Aging](#).

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease

Updated information can be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>.

From **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services HHS**

2014 Poverty Guidelines is posted at:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/14poverty.cfm>

From **National Council on Aging NCOA**

2014 Fall Prevention Awareness Day is on September 23rd.

Strong Today, Falls Free® Tomorrow

More information is provided [here](#).

From **Kaiser Health News**

[Impact of Medicare Advantage Cuts on Seniors Sharply Disputed](#)

Aging topics page can be found at:

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Daily-Reports/2014/March/07/long-term-care.aspx>

From **Social Security Administration**

Updates on **[Supplemental Security Income](#)**

From **Boston College Sloan Center on Aging & Work**

[Health and the Older Worker](#) and

[Self-employment: The Answer for an Aging Workforce and a Sluggish Economy?](#)

From the **Arizona Attorney General's Office**

Information on **Consumer Protection Week** is linked [here](#); information on **Telemarketing Scams** is provided [here](#) and **Protect Your Personal Information** [here](#).

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

WHAT: MEETING OF THE MINDS; Mayor's Alzheimer's Education Conference

WHEN: Wednesday, March 12, 2014, Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 East

River Road, Tucson AZ 85718

Information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Grandfamilies Conference

WHEN : Saturday, March 15, 2014, 9 am to 3 pm, Aide for Adoption of Special Kids (AASK) Building, 15396 North 83rd Avenue, Suite A100, Peoria, Arizona 85382

More information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Age-Friendly Network and the MAG Transportation Ambassador Program - All Ages, One Region Conference

WHEN: Thursday, March 27, 2014, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Glendale Civic Center, 5750 West Glenn Drive, Glendale, Arizona 85301

More information can be found [here](#).

Arizona's Health IT Future

Community Forum registration is found [here](#).

WHAT: HopeFestPhoenix

WHEN: Saturday, April 5, 2014, Chase Field, 401 E. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Information can be found [here](#).

WHAT: 2014 AzTA/ADOT Annual Spring Conference & Bus Rodeo

WHEN: April 13 - 15, 2014, University Park Marriott, Tucson, Arizona

Information and registration provided [here](#).

WHAT: Arizona Geriatrics Society 7th Annual Mental Health and Aging Conference

WHEN: Wednesday, April 16, 2014, Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 N. 25th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021 and **Thursday, April 24, 2014**, Handmaker Jewish Services for the Aging, 2221 N. Rosemont Boulevard, Tucson AZ 85712

For information and to register, go to:

http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/newsletter/2014/AZGS_SpringConfBrochure.pdf

Just in case you're interested

Past issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

Thank you! Enjoy your weekend.

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: gaca@az.gov and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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